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News worth sharing.

Pumping up the volume

City politicians push for looser noise regulations at summer festivals DExisting bylaw sets limit way below what should be expected for rock concerts, critics say • Even everyday noises are louder than the bylaw permits



If Britain's Paul Hunn were to burn during a downtown festival here in London, he very well could be fined.

Ringing in at an ear-screeching 109.9 decibels, Hunn — Guinness record holder for the noisiest burp can belch one out louder than what a city bylaw allows for outdoor concerts.

As far as concert promoter Brandon Fedy is concerned, only two words are needed to describe

a push toward changing the rule.

"It's fantastic," Eedy, owner of London's Summer Camp Productions, said Tuesday.

Exactly how far above the existing 90-decibel limit city officials want things to go won't likely be known for some time. A council committee asked administrators to look into the issue this week after complaints - similar to those heard in the past — were

Mayor Joe Fontana led the charge for killing the existing rule, saying the city should get with the times. He also wants to see the 11

The other side

- Sure, a lot of everyday sounds come near or register over the 90-decibel limit that London places on outdoor concerts. But there are some who want the volume cranked down, not up.
- Shirley Clement, who lives in the Blackfriars neighbourhood, is among

p.m. curfew for festivals extended. Other places, such as Sarnia, have done away with the regulathem. The concerts, many of which happen not too far from her home, are a nuisance. she said.

"Seems he wants party city," Clement said about Mayor Joe Fontana's push to let outdoor concerts be louder and longer. "I think he'll find ... that an awful lot of cities are trying to make their communities more livable."

tions in an effort to promote summer concerts, Fontana and others

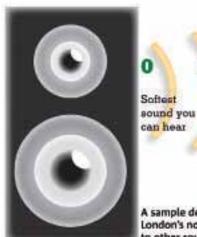
Musicians from other cities are shocked - and put off - by London's current approach, Eedy said.

"The whole idea behind an outdoor concert is to put on an event that kind of enthralls the city and entertains everyone," he said. "The last thing you want to be doing onstage is playing with your levels where you don't want them, just to make someone else hap-

Changes could lead to "bigger festivals, bigger bands and largerscale events" that could "kind of put London back on the map," Eedy said.

KATIE NAUS/FOR METRO

Now hear this



Typical

City of London's noise limit during special events

Guinness record KISS concert in for loudest burp 2009 in Ottawa by a male

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A sample decibel range to illustrate where the City of London's noise limit during special events compares to other sounds.

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Free heart awareness event

London Health Sciences Centre (LHSC) is hosting its annual Heart Failure Awareness public education event on Wednesday.

Dr. Malcolm Arnold, cardiologist at LHSC, will be joined by fellow physicians Peter Pflugfelder and Liane Porepa, as well as dietitian Jennifer-Anne Meneray. Each will speak on topics ranging from new advances in treating heart failure, how to recognize the disease and how to help someone who receives a heart-failure diagnosis.

The free event will be held from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in auditorium A at University Hospital (339 Windermere Rd.). © METRO

Home tattoo parlour investigated

The Middlesex-London Health Unit is investigating home-based tattooing at an Arbour Glen Crescent residence.

Inspectors visited the premises last week and found several infractions, including improper cleaning, disinfection and sterilization practices.

Given the potential risk of blood-borne infections due to the improper practices, the health unit advises anyone who received body art at this, or any other unlicensed location, to contact their health-care provider or visit a walk-in clinic and arrange for blood testing as a precaution.

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Club not down with Canada Goose

Michael Kuijpers and several other members of the club held an information picket at the corners of Western Road and Philip Aziz Avenue on Tuesday afternoon. This follows a number of other protests by the club against the company this past weekend at local retailers.

Bus service with a smile

New contoured, 'smiley' buses to hit city streets next week

Seats have higher backs • Vehicles designed for overall smoother ride



Some London Transit Commission passengers will soon be riding in style. The commission will

The commission will roll out the first of about 30 new buses next week, replacing the 22-year-old orange-and-white model. The new vehicles will be phased in to routes, with the whole fleet expected to be on the road by Sep-

\$12M Cost of about 30 new London Transit Commission buses.

tember.

LTC general manager Larry Ducharme said riders will notice some changes. For one, he said, the new buses are "quieter."

They're also a bit more contoured, leading to an overall trimmer look from the outside and a slightly different seating



arrangement inside.

The new buses have more perimeter seats,

belled front windows and a bit of a curve along the front fender.

From the outside, "the bus looks like it's smiling," Ducharme said.
"We call it the smiley

"We call it the smiley bus. All you have to do is look at the front of it and you can say, 'That bus has got a smile on its face.'"

Each bus has one less seat than its predecessor, Ducharme said, but there's more standing room with better-contoured handgrips.





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A group of U.S. aircraft carriers had some Iranian company in the Strait of Hormuz on Tuesday. Watch at metronews.ca/video



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Darkness ups its game plan to 'visceral' effect

• London game developer hoping new release puts company 'on the map' as storyteller Darkness II released last week, launch party is Wednesday





Leaders of London's Digital Extremes have rounded a lot of big corners in the past 19 years.

They're hoping The Darkness II can provide the momentum that pushes them around one more.

"We started out and said, 'What was in Darkness I that set it apart?' ... It was the narrative," creative director Sheldon Carter said. "We want to start ... leading the way for narrative-based shoot-

Make no mistake, Darkness II has plenty to offer gamers in for the shootem-up glory of it all. In fact, reviews have called the game's violence with the main character ripping people limb from limb and turning car doors into decapitation machines — capable of de-livering a sense of "empowerment."

Reviews have also used the word "visceral" to describe the Darkness II experience. That's something Carter likes to hear and something the team of 70-plus people who worked on the game were aiming for.

There's a certain "satisfaction you get when you understand the character's struggle, when you understand the motiva-tions of the villains and kind of have some of those strong emotional connections," Carter said.

While the Darkness II development team is getting a bit of a break, others at Digital Extremes are hard at work on a Star Trek game scheduled for release next year.

A lot of attention is being paid to storytelling in that title as well. Carter said.

The basics

- What:
- Founded: 1993, in Waterloo
- Moved to London:

Digital Extremes

- Game developer

- Location: CitiPlaza
- Titles: Unreal Tournament, Dark Sector, Homefront, Bioshock 2



Grand takes on Gatsby

You probably read it in a high school or college literature class.

Now, The Grand Theatre is breathing life into all the glitz and glamour F. Scott Fitzgerald inked into The

Great Gatsby's pages.

Making its Canadian premiere, Gatsby opened Tuesday, taking audiences inside a love story that combines elements of a fairy tale with a plot largely centred on the emphasis placed on social classes.

While the script's post-First World War setting plays largely around building the "American dream," Gatsby's director said she's been fascinated with how "resonant" the story is in to-

If you go

Ticket information is available at grandtheatre.com, or by calling 519-672-8800. The show continues through March 3.

day's world.

"We see old money, new money and the man who runs the gas station. We see different levels of society and (see) who (survives) in times of crisis and who walks away," Susan Ferley said. "This story is about people striving for 'the dream'.... The degree (to which) they do or don't realize it is the crux of (the) STOTY."

ANGELA MULLINS

PUBLIC SECTOR

McGuinty hints at pay freeze for execs

Premier Dalton McGuinty says he wants executives in Ontario's broader public sector to "lead by example" when it comes to

their high salaries.

He says executives who run the province's hospitals, colleges, universities, school boards and social services need to do their part to slay the deficit.

McGuinty suggested the spring budget may demand a wage freeze for those executives as the governing Liberals struggle to eliminate red ink. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Two bodies found in Kitchener

Waterloo regional police say no suspects are being sought after two bodies were found in Kitchener.

Police say they responded to a call Monday evening about two bodies inside a residence on Moorgate Crescent.

Media reports say the victims are a woman and female child. Autopsies were scheduled for Tuesday in Hamilton.

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Send a heart in support of **Project Love**

This month, Budding Artists owner Maria Calleja is challenging children to create their own "heart" masterpieces and send them to her. For every heart-art piece Calleja receives, she will donate \$3 to Project Love — the cost of one educational kit that promotes literacy in developing countries. The hearts will be displayed on the Budding Artists Facebook page. • metro



Premier dismissive of school Wi-Fi risk

Premier Dalton McGuinty is shrugging off concerns raised by an Ontario teachers' union about Wi-Fi in public schools.

The Ontario English Catholic Teachers Association says computers in all new schools should be hardwired instead of setting up wireless networks.

It also says Wi-Fi should not be installed in any more classrooms, citing health risks.

But McGuinty says he's following the advice of Health Canada and the province's chief medical officer of health.

He says he's been reassured by Canadian experts that Wi-Fi doesn't pose a danger to students. While Health Canada

has cautioned parents to limit the use of cellphones by children, it said that based on scientific evidence, low-level exposure to Wi-Fi is not dan-

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Crown asks for 18-month sentence for self-professed Stanley Cup rioter

The Crown says a young man who admitted to participating in the Stanley Cup riot should be sentenced to as much as 18 months in jail, arguing that all the rioters are guilty of robbing the residents of Vancouver of their sense of serenity.

Ryan Dickinson, 20, is the first person to plead guilty in the riot and will be the first sentenced for join-



ing in on the mayhem that followed Game 7 of the Stanley Cup final last June. Rioters spent hours torching cars, smashing windows and looting stores, causing millions of dollars in damage.

In an agreed statement of fact read in court Tues-

day, Dickinson admitted to trashing an unmarked police vehicle in downtown Vancouver and tossing a mannequin and a newspaper box at a clothing-store window.

"What is common to all is that the riot has stripped a sense of safety and security from the city of Vancouver," said Crown lawyer Patti Tomasson.

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Former attorneys general light up national pot debate

Calls to legalize marijuana grow as political heavyweights join debate



Four former B.C. attorneys general have joined the crusade for the legalization of marijuana.

Colin Gabelmann, Ujjal Dosanjh, Graeme Bowbrick and Geoff Plant all signed onto the Stop the Violence B.C. coalition Tuesday and sent a letter to both Premier Christy Clark and NDP Opposition Leader Adrian Dix endorsing legalizing, regulating and taxing marijuana.

Doing so will curb gang violence and crime, raise tax revenue and ease the load of the court system, they say.

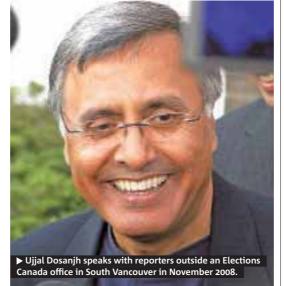
"We should be prosecuting murderers and gangsters, not young people for small amounts of possession," Dosanjh said. "It's not a smart way to deal with crime, and there's a significant consensus that is evolving in this country and in the U.S."

The four ex-AGs join four Vancouver mayors who have already joined Stop the Violence B.C.

Dosanjh thinks continuing the criminalization of marijuana just encourages gangsters to profit off the drug trade and costs taxpayers dearly

Health organizations, public-policy organizations and think-tanks — some often at odds with each other — have called for legalizations, along with many lawenforcement associations.

Whether the growing pressure will pay off remains a big question, especially with the Conservative



government currently in power. But Dosanjh argues that's exactly why proponents need to speak up.

"It's in political circum-

stances like that, it's important to participate in the debate," he said. "Canada has the opportunity to be a leader on this."

Justice minister OKs security bill

Justice Minister Rob Nicholson says legislation that would give police and spies easier access to information about Internet users is simply an attempt to bring the law into the 21st century.

He rejects NDP warnings that the bill threatens to turn Canada into a surveillance society.

Nicholson says the proposed changes will give police and security services the tools they need to deal with sophisticated cybercriminals expert in hiding themselves on the Internet.

He says the new bill, tabled today, strikes a balance between giving the police new tools and protecting privacy rights.

It would also require telecommunication service providers to have the technical capability to allow authorities to intercept messages and conversations.

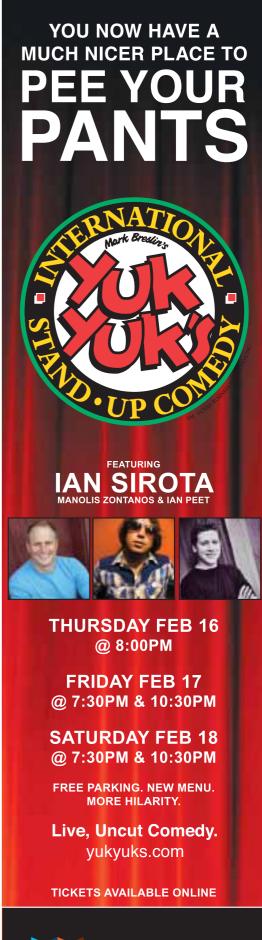
The Opposition NDP says the bill opens the door to snooping and police fishing expeditions.

"We are against this bill and we will fight this bill all the way," said New Democrat MP Charlie Angus. "Canadians are not criminals."

Nicholson said there are protections built into the proposed legislation.

"It will put in place safeguards to protect the privacy of Canadians," he said at a news conference.

The bill would allow authorities access to Internet subscriber information — including name, address, telephone number and email address — without first getting a court's goahead. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Syrian official chastises

Diplomat denies regime is responsible for civilian deaths Harper calling for President Bashar Assad to step down

Canada over sanctions

Syria's top diplomat in Canada is striking back at Ottawa for what he says are "deplorable" sanctions imposed by the Harper government that he insists are harming innocent civilians in his country.

Bashar Akbik, Syria's charge d'affairs, levelled that accusation in an interview with The Canadian Press during which he steadfastly denied that the regime of President Bashar Assad is responsible for the killing of thousands of innocent civilians in a bloody 11-month crackdown on discent

Akbik blamed terrorists and criminals for the violence in his country. He said a Western-led "conspiracy" MKE BLANCHPIELD/HE CANABIAN PRESS

— with Saudi Arabia's collusion — is trying to overthrow his government and that conspiracy is responsible for the carnage that the United Nations says has left more than 5.400 dead

"Hollywood"-style videos on the Internet that have fabricated scenes of government forces killing innocent civilians are part and parcel of the international plot, he said.

Akbik's denial came within hours of United Nations human-rights chief Navi Pillay telling the General Assembly that Assad's regime has likely committed crimes against humanity

"Canada is helping to worsen the life of the Syrian citizens, and the sanctions will bring no result," Akbik said.

"This is really deplorable, the Canadian stand towards the current events in Syria," he added. "Since the first days of the insurgency in Syria, the Canadian government took a belligerent position against the Syrian regime."

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Activists say Syrian people facing 'brutal shelling'



Syrian government forces renewed their assault on the rebellious city of Homs on Tuesday in what activists described as the heaviest shelling in days, as the UN human rights-chief raised fears of civil war.

Troops loyal to President Bashar Assad have been shelling Homs for more than a week to retake parts of the city captured by rebel forces. Hundreds are believed to have been killed since last Saturday, and the humanitarian conditions in the city have been worsening.

Homs was under "brutal shelling" on Tuesday, the Local Coordination Committees activist group said, citing its network of witnesses on the ground.

Another activist group, the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, said it was the heaviest shelling in days. With diplomatic efforts bogged down, the conflict in Syria is taking on the dimensions of a civil war, with army defectors clashing almost daily with soldiers.

UN human-rights chief Navi Pillay warned on Monday that the Security Council's failure to take action has emboldened the Syrian government to launch an all-out assault.

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Obama rolls out the welcome mat

◆ Handshakes and warm words at White House for China's man-to-watch ◆ But outside, a Tibetan protest

The political winds blew hot and cold around the White House on Tuesday.

Inside, U.S. President Barack Obama and China's heir-apparent leader, Vice-President Xi Jinping, exchanged handshakes and warm words.

"We welcome China's peaceful rise," Obama said as the two men sat in the Oval Office.

"We believe that a strong and prosperous China is one that can help to bring stability and pros-

This man Xi

- Xi's visit is being closely watched because he will likely lead China over the coming decade. After becoming party leader, he is expected to replace Hu Jintao as president in 2013.
- Xi is viewed as more able to make personal connections than Hu, and more willing to step away from the traditional aloofness of Chinese high office.

perity to the region and to the world."

But, outside, protesters marched, waving Tibetan flags, calling for a free Tibet and proclaiming "Xi Jinping: Tibet will be free."

They shouted "Shame on Chinese government" and "Stop lying to the world."

The U.S., too, reiterated its longstanding concerns over human rights, which Obama described as a "critical issue."

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BANGKOK TERROR

Israel points at Iran after explosions

Israel accused Iran of waging a covert terror campaign after a series of explosions led to the capture of two Iranian nationals in Bangkok.

An Iranian man carrying grenades blew off his own legs and wounded four civilians Tuesday after an earlier blast shook his house in Bangkok.

On Monday, an Israeli diplomat's wife and driver were wounded in New Delhi when a bomb stuck to their minivan exploded. Another device was defused on an Israeli Embassy car in Tbilisi, Georgia.

Israeli TV quoted unidentified Thai authorities as saying the captured Iranians confessed to targeting Israeli interests.

In Israel, security was boosted in public places, at foreign embassies and offices and at Ben-Gurion International Airport. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Lawyers bid to reopen Knox case

Italian prosecutors asked the country's highest criminal court Tuesday to reinstate the murder convictions of American Amanda Knox and her former boyfriend in the slaying of British student Meredith Kercher, 21.

Four months ago, the convictions against Knox, 24, and Raffaele Sollecito, 27, were thrown out.

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Greece delays on demands, postponing bailout meeting

EU countries, analysts skeptical indebted country will pull through

Two steps forward, one step back. So goes the frenzied effort across Europe to bail out Greece and save it from a potentially devastating default on its debts.

A meeting of the finance chiefs of the 17 euro countries to discuss Greece's second bailout planned for Wednesday was called off Tuesday evening after Athens failed to deliver in time on several demands made by its partners in the currency union.

The last-minute cancellation shows the eurozone wants much tougher guarantees now from Athens before giving it an extra 130 billion euros in rescue loans, on top of 110 billion euros granted in 2010, raising fears that the deal could fall apart.

The meeting was expected to give the green light for a bond-swap deal with private creditors designed to slice some 100 billion euros off Greece's debt. The deal must be finalized by March 20, when Greece faces a bond redemption of 14.5 billion euros.

While the Parliament down violent protests on the weekend to approve a new austerity package, the cabinet spent hours Tuesday discussing



how to save an extra 325 million euros demanded by the eurozone. Much of the past two years has been spent working to avoid a default in Greece,

but the measures around a second bailout have made it difficult it to see how the growth.

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European Union urges China to join in efforts ► European Commission European Union President Jose Manuel urged Barroso at a joint China on Tuesday press conference on to open its mar-Tuesday. kets, join in per-

and help end bloodshed in Syria during a summit delayed by Europe's debt crisis.

leaders

suading Iran to

negotiate over its

nuclear program

Leaders of the two sides pledged to boost trade and to start negotiations on an investment treaty. But at a news conference, EU officials and Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao expressed differences on issues from trade to human rights.

Europe is China's biggest trading partner but European companies and busigroups complain Beijing is trying to limit access to promising industries in violation of its free-trade pledges.

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Anonymous strikes again

A U.S. security company whose tear gas has been used against Egyptian demonstrators has become the latest victim of the Anonymous movement, hackers claimed

Tuesday, An Internet statement said the backers broke into Combined Systems Inc.'s website and stole personal information from clients and employees. They accused the company of being run by war profiteers.

CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

'Business as usual' for **Air Canada**

Travellers flying Air Canada can keep booking their flights as negotiations continue with a new federally appointed mediator to help resolve an ongoing contract dispute between the airline and its pilots.

'It is business as usual," the Montreal carrier's spokesman Peter Fitzpatrick said in an email Tuesday. "Customers can continue to make their travel plans and book in confidence.

Talks are continuing and "we are confident

that a disruption will be avoided," Fitzpatrick said.

Results of a pilot vote on a strike mandate were expected to be released later Tuesday and the company is already in a legal position to impose new contract terms or lock out the workers.

The measures give either side 72 hours to serve notice of its intention to impose a work stoppage.

Both sides have said they will not use those options while talks continue.

The federal government put pressure on both sides to avoid any disruptions in air travel, saying a strike or lockout would harm the economy during a fragile recovery. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Boeing seals largest order

Boeing has locked in its biggest order ever with a little-known airline halfway around the world.

The Chicago airplane

manufacturer said Tuesday that it has finalized an order from Indonesian carrier Lion Air for 230 planes worth a combined \$22.4 billion US. The deal is the largest commercial airplane order ever for Boeing Co. by both dollar value and number of airplanes. Lion Air also has the rights to buy 150 more. The order includes 201 of Boeing's redesigned 737 and 29 extended range 737-900s. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Republicans push for green light on Keystone

Congressional Republicans have resurrected their efforts to force a speedy approval of TransCanada's Keystone XL pipeline, attempting to insert provisions aimed greenlighting the project into legislation before both the House of Representatives and the Senate this

Mitch McConnell, Senate minority leader, is co-sponsoring the Republicans' Keystone XL amendment to a highway bill that's working its way through the upper chamber. That suggests the Republicans will soon push for a vote in the Senate, where they hold 47 of the chamber's 100 seats.

The House of Representatives, meantime, will debate a 979-page package of energy and transportation proposals in several separate pieces of legislation week, Speaker John



Boehner said Tuesday. The energy component includes a measure that would reverse President Barack Obama's decision last month to reject the \$7.6-billion pipeline.

Renewed Republican efforts to force the pipeline's approval came as Trans-Canada announced it now expects a startup date for Keystone XL in early 2015, not 2014, as previously announced. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Pipeline rejected

The White House rejected the Keystone XL application, saying a congressionally imposed deadline of Feb. 21 for approving the project didn't provide enough time to complete a fresh review of the new route around a key aguifer in Nebraska.

Obama invited TransCanada to reapply, saying the rejection had less to do with the merits of Keystone XL than it did with the deadline.

WEDDING BELLS **KEEP THE BEAT**

JUST SAYIN' ...



February may be miserable for some of us, but for those crazy Valentines planning their June wedding it's a glorious time.

In my 20 years as a DJ, I have worked more weddings than Kim Kardashian will ever have, and I'm

shocked at how many lose sight of the most important ingredient: The music! How many of you have seen the reality show Musical Weddings? No? That's because there isn't one. And yet there are

countless shows about dresses and shoes and chocolate fountains. The industry will have you believe that these things are critical, when we all know that at the very heart of it all is the music. No one will even see your shoes.

On the night of the northeast blackout in 2003, I was doing a wedding. The bridal party was dressed and ready, but there was no electricity. The venue had a generator, which would provide four hours of music if we used

"Some of the best weddings I've ever attended involved tight-knit groups of friends celebrating memories together ..."

nothing else. No flashing lights. No video. No uncle Saul belting out his karaoke rendition of My Way. Just a welcome speech, some drinking and everyone dancing until just past mid-night ... on a Thursday.

I used to get calls from brides who had paid \$2,000 for a dress and \$750 for a cake but expected to spend \$500 on a DJ because that's how much their cousins paid ... in 1983.

A wedding reception is meant to be a moment of celebration between loved ones. It's not an opportunity to hog the spotlight in front of a captive audience.

If your DJ is energetic, knows his music and observes the crowd, he'll have her aunt Myrna from Flin Flon doing the Cha Cha Slide with his uncle Surject from Bombay before the night is done.

Can vour cake do that?

No one wants to hear lengthy speeches about your days at summer camp, or watch a 15-minute slide show of your relationship set to the music of Celine Dion.

They want to party, and if you don't think there's a difference between a good DJ and a guy who's there because he knows how to press "play," then you might as well stock the bar with Shirley Temples and virgin daiquiris.

Magazines and wedding planners will tell you that food and decor (and wedding planners) are the most important elements of your affair, but then so will the guy that carves the fruit into animal shapes.

Some of the best weddings I've ever attended involved tight-knit groups of friends celebrating memories together, dancing to '90s music without so much as a glance at the ice sculptures or gold-painted human statues.

Yes, ladies, it is your night, but it's meant to be enjoyed with your loved ones, so feed them, keep them lubricated and hire a DJ or band that rocks. You may actually create a memory that you and your friends will want to relive when that video you paid so much for, is

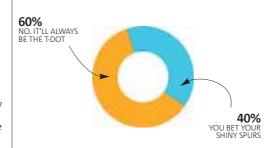
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here at EMD line. Thanks for the coffee and doughnuts Dave. #EMD #ldnont

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- @liveterkort: Got ma vote on #voteusc #westernu
- @LdnOnt_Blair: Happy Don't Screw With Al Capone Day, #LdnOnt!
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Rock only seen by chosen few

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photographer Simon Byrne is on the crest of a wave of success after becoming one of the lucky few to learn the secret location of this stunning sandstone formation. The 31-year-old needed a special permit before he was given "rough guidelines" to find The Wave in a remote spot in Arizona.

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60 seconds

What were your first thoughts after you found The Wave?

Spectacular. One minute you're hiking across the desert, and suddenly you're there. I was amazed how perfectly formed and preserved this sandstone phenomenon is. Every inch you move changes the whole dynamic of the scene. meaning you can explore

The Wave for hours.

You're among the lucky few to actually find The Wave. Why so?

Guidelines to find this were only provided to those lucky to get a permit in a lottery.

What do you love about this photograph?

How all the lines connect together. They seem to run around the whole structure and don't seem to have a beginning or an end. It's almost like a sea reaching a tideline. • mwn

The Wave

- Location, Somewhere in the 112.500-acre Paria Canyon-Vermilion Cliffs Wilderness, near the Arizona/Utah border.
- Jurassic Rock. 190-million-year-old sand dunes that turned to stone.
 - Best time to photograph The Wave? Around midday when no shadows are cast in centre.



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Scene in brief



Director Michael Bay plans a fresh take on shape-shifting robots with the fourth installment in his Transformers franchise. Paramount Pictures announced Monday night that Bay will return to direct the next chapter in the blockbuster sci-fi series, due in theatres June 29, 2014. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Dancing with the Devil

• Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance is the latest film to pit Hollywood heroes against Satan



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In this weekend's Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance, Johnny Blaze, played

Nicolas Cage, joins a long line of movie characters in the ultimate fight — battling Satan! Everyone from Jack Black to Viggo Mortensen to Santa Claus has been hell bent on battling Old Scratch on the big

In Tenacious D in The Pick of Destiny, Jack Black and Kyle Glass play heavy metal musicians who must play a musical battle with Lucifer.

"The demon code prevents me from declining the rock off challenge," says Old Scratch before they engage in a metal showdown. If they win, they'll be superstars and the keepers of the magic pick made of Satan's tooth. Lose and Kyle gets a new roommate — the prince of darkness.

The Devil in Prince of Darkness takes a slightly different form than Pick of

Destiny's traditional rubyskinned imp. In this John Carpenter chiller the Devil is an alien life form trapped in an alternate world. Meanwhile, his son lives on our planet, boiled down into a vat of sinister-looking green liquid.

E-critic.com hated the movie, suggesting the advertising tagline for the movie should be: It's NEW and IMPROVED LIQUID SA-TAN!!!, but it has some good thrills, a moody synthesize score, a cameo by Alice Cooper and a great performance by Donald Pleasance as a priest who does battle with the Devil.

One critic called The Prophecy "Paradise Lost reimagined as a droll B horror picture."

Christopher Walken plays an angel trying to wage war against God. You might imagine that would put him in league with the Devil, but you'd be wrong. "Your war is arrogance," says Mephistopheles, who looks a lot like Viggo Mortensen, "That makes it evil. That's mine.'

The movie spawned four sequels, but the original remains the best, if only to watch Mortensen deliver lines like, "While heaven may be closed I am always open, even on Christmas.'

And speaking of Christmas, one of the strangest cinematic demonic battles happens in the Mexican fantasy film Santa Claus. Described as "Ho Ho Horrible!" by one critic, it's cutrate and cheesy but has a certain kitschy charm.

Sometimes referred to as Santa Claus Conquers the Devil. this weird movie sees St Nick shoot the Devil with toy arrows. Though marketed to kids, the Mystery Science Theater 3000 folks summed it up best when they said the movie is "good old-fashioned nightmare fuel."



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Nicki Minaj versus the Catholic Church

• Star performs self-exorcism at Grammys • What's not to love about that?

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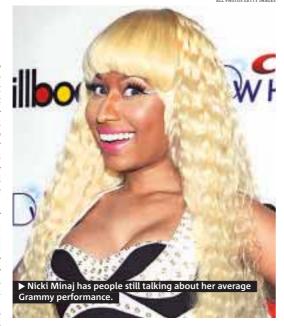


By aiming to prove to the world that she's not just Lil' Kim reincarnated, Nicki Minaj tried to

make her mark on Sunday night's Grammy Awards by performing an over-thetop — and highly panned rendition of her single Roman Holiday.

The performance featured a self-exorcism, dancing monks and nuns, burning flames and Minaj speaking in tongues. Basically, the whole production made The Phantom of the Opera look like high

And now Catholics are (rightfully) angry, with the Catholic League releasing a scathing statement by president Bill Donohue, who places the blame on



both Minaj and the Recording Academy, the organization that hands out the Grammys, for letting such

"offensive" performance air.

"Whether Minaj is possessed is surely an open

question, but what is not in doubt is the irresponsibility of the Recording Academy," he wrote. "Never would they allow an artist to insult Judaism or Islam.'

In her defence, Minaj says that the Recording Academy wanted her to do Roman Holiday.

"I could have chosen to do a no-brainer pop song, but I can't do it anymore. I have to stay true to what I am doing," she told Ryan Seacrest on his radio show

yesterday.
This whole thing is so silly. First of all, doesn't the Catholic Church have a few things to worry about other than the antics of a fame-hungry pop star's misguided attempt for attention?

But I'll tell you what is incredible, dear reader: We're still talking about the usually dull Grammy Awards a full three days after it aired. That has to be some kind of record.

Read metr@drive every Wednesday.





Houston returned to Newark

Whitney Houston's body has returned to Newark, N.I., where a funeral is expected to be held for the late pop star some time week, according to

Her remains were reportedly flown from Los Angeles to Newark late Monday night aboard Tyler Perry's private jet.

"Tyler Perry rushed to the L.A. hospital Saturday

as soon as he heard about Whitney's death and immediately offered up his private plane to the family," a source tells the Web



Talking points

Aniston not keen on kids

AT PEACE WITH HER LIFE Despite all the outside focus on her romantic fortunes, Jennifer Aniston says she isn't interested in attaining the pictureperfect life.

"I think that's sort of cliché, isn't it? Like, if you want to be happy, you should have the house, the husband, the kids," Aniston tells GQ magazine. "Kids are messy!"

As for what might happen family-wise with boyfriend Justin Theroux?

"I still kind of go with. If it happens, it happens," she says. "I'm calm and peaceful with whatever the plan is. It's not something where I'm going, 'I gotta have a

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Celebrity tweets



"Hmm, I wonder if Lady Gaga ever got out of that net. #grammysleftovers"



"If the Greeks shortened their names wouldn't

they save a lot of

"Watched a

bit of Real Housewives of Beverly Hills. Don't know how science gave that many platypuses the power of

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A large-scale art installation comprising 200 tents set up on the grounds of Fort York National Historic Site in Toronto is being planned to help mark the bicentennial of the War of 1812. The Encampment, commissioned by the City of Toronto and the Luminato arts festival, will be staged each evening from June 8 to 24, serving as "a massive collective expression of art and history," say promoters. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Get a taste for Halifax

Nova Scotia's capital is known for fishing, the Bluenose and Alexander Keith's brewery Dut the city is also carving a name for itself as a destination for foodies



With the Atlantic ocean lapping at its front door, it's no secret a trip to Halifax pairs nicely with a side of fish and chips. But adventurous gourmets may be surprised to learn the seaside capital also offers up a smorgasbord of dining options that local foodies say rivals big city competi-

"When you think of Halifax, seafood - no question — comes to mind as a leading commodity," says Patricia Lyall, executive director of Destination Halifax, the city's tourism marketing organization.

But with some 500 bistros, pubs, fine dining rooms, supper clubs, diners and international eateries in the sprawling municipality, Lyall says there are plenty of opportunities to push the boundaries of your palate. "You can very easily plan to dine out seven days a week and not replicate the experi-

That doesn't get much easier than in February when the Restaurant Association of Nova Scotia hosts the annual Savour Food and Wine Festival.

The event was launched nine years ago to promote the province's restaurant industry during what's widely considered a slow season in the business.

The month-long pageant of dinner, drinks and desserts includes four events: a chocolate, wine and cheese showcase (it was held at the beginning of the month); a rare and

fine wine tasting (Feb. 17, sold out); and Dine Around, an offering of three-course, prix-fixe menus at participating restaurants (all month). The highlight of the festival is the Savour Food and Wine Show on Feb. 23 — a one-night-only epicurean extravaganza hosted by some of Nova Scotia's most inspired chefs. Tickets for the popular event are typically sold out a week in ad-

"I think Nova Scotians been educated; have there's a lot more travel and people want to have a better quality product,' says Joe McGuinness, festival chairman and co-owner of Durty Nelly's, an Irish pub located on Argyle Street. "We're now a cosmopolitan city offering a wide variety of local and ethnic cuisine."

But while variety may be the spice of life, local restaurateurs say the city's affection for local products is key to its culinary appeal.

Downtown, a couple of blocks away from bustling Spring Garden Road, is Morris East. The small but stylish restaurant serves up

If you go...

Tickets for the Savour Food and Wine show cost \$79 plus tax. For detailed information on the festival, visit savourfoodandwine.com.

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gourmet, thin-crust pizzas and boasts what it says is the city's only real woodfired oven. The oven came from Naples; its chef hails from Halifax.

"A lot of people are very concerned about where their food is coming from,' says Lauren Marshall, who has whipped up a vegetarian dish for the Savour show that features handmade pasta, local veggies and Nova Scotia cheese.

Tucked away in the north end is Chez Tess Creperie, offering sweet and savoury crepes served with Annapolis Valley cider. On historic Barrington Street sits Chives Canadian Bistro, known for its eclectic menu that favours local food producers.

And, of course, there's

no shortage of seafood with a twist. Spots like Fid Resto on Dresden Row serve up seared Atlantic salmon with pickled plums and poutine made with fresh Nova Scotia lobster.

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Lyall says it's only in recent years that Destination Halifax began considering dining out as more than a basic travel need, but as a tourism draw.

She admits being initially surprised by the diversity and expertise the city has to offer. Now, Lyall believes Halifax can "punch above its weight" and compete with any cosmopolitan city.

McGuinness agrees.

"The old perception of it being a sleepy fishing village, that's long gone. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Drink of the week

Sparkling Lemon Pomegranate on the Rocks

This refreshing and colourful mix will have you longing for the summer days ahead.

- 3 tbsp (45 mL) vodka
- 2 tbsp (30 mL)
- pomegranate juice
 6 tbsp (90 mL) sparkling

 6 tbsp (90 mL) sparkling lemon beverage
 Fill glass with ice and pour

in vodka and pomegranate

beverage. Garnish with lemon slice and serve.
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Delicious way to gobble, gobble

• Add some Mediterranean sunshine to your table with this refreshing turkey scaloppine

This meal takes its inspiration from the Mediterranean with the use of olives and feta cheese.

The fresh taste of tomatoes and herbs adds colour and texture to this tender and easy weeknight meal.

Preparation:

Ingredients:

fresh tomatoes

Fresh Tomato and Herb Salsa: In bowl, combine tomatoes, olives, green onion, oil, salt, pepper, basil, chopped mint and feta

Fresh Tomato and Herb Salsa

• 50 ml (1/4 cup) pitted kalamata olives, halved

• 1 green onion, sliced

• 15 ml (1 tbsp) olive oil

• 1 ml (1/4 tsp) each sea

• 30 ml (2 tbsp) chopped

salt and fresh pepper

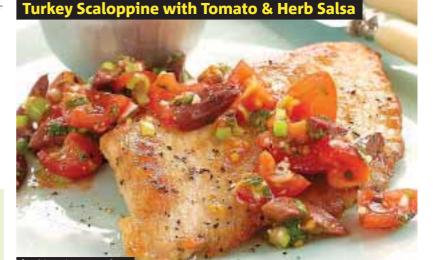
• 500 ml (2 cups) chopped

Coat turkey in flour, shaking off any excess. Sprinkle with salt and pepper.

In non-stick skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat. Cook turkey in two batches about 4 minutes per side, until crisp and golden and no longer pink inside. Keep in warm oven while cooking second batch of turkey.

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- 15 ml (1 tbsp) fresh mint
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) crumbled feta
- 4 turkey scaloppine cutlets
- 30 ml (1 tbsp) all purpose flour
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) each sea salt and fresh pepper
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) olive oil



Divide turkey among 4 plates and top with fresh salsa.

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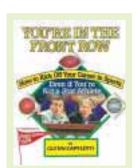
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Glenn Capeloto still recalls the score of the very first professional sporting event he ever attended: Supersonics 146, 76ers 136. It was 1969, and it was love at first sight.

Later, while attending the University of Washington, Capeloto did radio play-by-play for Huskies Football. And he has managed to keep his toe in the sports industry ever since, working as a statistician, copy writer, salesman and just about anything else that keeps him in the front row.

"I didn't make it as a sportscaster — which was my initial dream — but I still got to be side-by-side



with Vin Scully. There's just an inexplicable energy to being in the press box. It's a special fraternity," he explains. "I did dozens of jobs in pro sports, and none of them require that you be seven-foot-two or hit a baseball 450 feet."

Capeloto's first book, You're In the Front Row: How to Kick Off Your Career in Sports, Even if You're Not a Star Athlete, will be released this month.

In 368 pages, he profiles dozens of behind-thescenes careers in sports, picking the brains of many industry professionals — from referees to equipment managers— to find out how to get one's foot in the door.

"The sports information office at your local college is a great place to start breaking in," explains Capeloto. "These places thrive and survive off of contributions from volunteers and interns. But mostly you just want to get involved anywhere you can. Think of it as a tryout. You're trying that particular speciality on for size, and you're looking for a fit."



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Get organized Write down the date, time and location of your interview in your smart phone or date book right away.

Tip: Ask the recruiter for key information like the name of your interviewer and the interview style to help you prepare in the below steps.

Research the company Check out their mission statement, values/competences, services or products, case studies, awards, blog and executives. Be confident that you can summarize why you want to work at the company and why you are a great fit with this company,

Tip: Print off any key information you've found and highlight it or take notes. Don't be afraid to take this prep package with you to the interview in a folder so they see you



▶ Remember that an interview works both ways — you are interviewing the company to see if it's the right fit for you just as they are interviewing you.

are prepared. Also write down any questions you

have to ask to determine if the company is the right fit for you and you are the right fit for them.

Get the real story via social media Check out their Facebook page to see photos, comments and general company news. This can be a great place to see company social event photos. See if they have a twitter account so you can check out what your future colleagues are tweeting about

Tip: Seeing the inside scoop from current employees helps you understand your future colleagues and the real experience working at Company X.

Research your interviewers If you have the interviewer names, check them out on LinkedIn. See how long they have been with the company, positions they have held.

Practice being interviewed

Have a family member, friend or roommate ask you the questions and practice giving answers. Some great sites will not only list the question but also key skills to highlight.

Tip: You can use this information when asking them about their experience at X Company or when asking questions. Example: "I see that you have been at X for five years and have worked in the recruiting and marketing teams tell me why you love working here..." This shows you went above and beyond in your research.

Research the industry • What are top trends in the industry right now?

• Who are the biggest competitors of this company?

Tip: Use this information when they ask you the question, "Why do you want to join company X or what interests you about this industry?" Show that you are passionate about the industry and well versed!

Reach out to connections Do you have any friends that work at the company or have interviewed? Find out what type of interview questions they ask — behaviour based? Is there a competency exam?

Tip: Getting the inside scoop always sets you up for success. If you have a friend who works there, ask them about the person interviewing you and typical questions. Also, don't be afraid to ask them to refer you or highlight your name.

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Linsanity grips Toronto

Dozens of reporters turn out before game for arrival of Knicks phenom Jeremy Lin

Jeremy Lin peered up from a podium at a virtual sea of cameras and reporters in a scene he could never have envisioned a week ago.

The New York point guard who in the span of five games has gone from a seldom-used player to NBA phenomenon arrived at the Air Canada Centre on Tuesday as his Knicks set to battle the Raptors — and Linsanity prevailed.

More than 75 journalists and 16 cameras squeezed into a news conference that was as crowded as that for an NBA playoff game — and it's been a while for one of those in Toronto.

Last week saw the 23year-old Harvard grad come off the bench to lead the Knicks to five consecutive victories in his first week as a starter.

"I think this is a miracle from God, the way I would describe it, just because obviously, I don't think anybody expected this to happen the way it happened," Lin said.

A day earlier, the NBA's first American-born player of Asian heritage was named Eastern Conference player of the week after averaging 27.3 points and 8.3 assists in his first four starts

His sudden arrival in the spotlight comes after



Lin went undrafted, worked out for but was passed over by several teams including the Raptors, then was cut by Golden State and Houston.

Knicks coach Mike D'Antoni — whose search for a point guard had been frustrated by injury and poor performance called Lin's story, dubbed "Linderella," a great one for the game.

"It's what's right with sports," D'Antoni said. "He's an underdog who came on, does it right, the right way.... Probably the biggest point is to be able to step on national TV with all the scrutiny, Madison Square Garden against the Lakers, against Kobe

(Bryant) and produce what he did.

"To me that's remarkable, it's unbelievable that he could do that in that game."

Linsanity is sweeping every city where Lin touches down. He got a huge cheer from the capacity crowd at Air Canada Centre just before tip-off. Blue

and orange Knicks jerseys dotted the crowd, and one group of fans wore T-shirts that spelled out L-I-N 4 M-V-P

Raptors officials said they had handed out about 75 additional media credentials, including more than 25 to Chinese journalists from the Toronto area. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Nash trade buzz grows louder

NHL trade talk heated up Tuesday with reports that Columbus Blue Jackets captain Rick Nash could be available before Feb. 27.

A source close to the situation confirmed that he is potentially in play.

Nash holds a no-movement clause and didn't exactly shoot down the possibility of a trade while speaking to reporters before Tuesday's game against St. Louis.

"I'm a Blue Jacket right now. I've played my whole career here and it's a special place to me," Nash told the Columbus Post-Dispatch. "So as of right now



"When a team loses, more rumours keep on surfacing. That's what it seems to be right now, just rumours."

I'm a Blue Jacket."

Nash was drafted first overall by Columbus in 2002 and quickly became the face of the organization. He is in the first year of a seven-year contract that pays him \$7.8 million US annually.

A season that started with optimism in Columbus has been nothing short of a disaster and the franchise appears to be headed for a major rebuild. Entering play Tuesday, the Blue Jackets were on pace for 56 points — a total that would match the 2006-07 Philadelphia Flyers for the lowest since the NHL lockout.

The 27-year-old Nash has only made one playoff appearance in nine NHL sea-

sons and might be inclined to move to a contender.

The two-time Canadian Olympian and former Rocket Richard Trophy winner wouldn't come cheap. The six-foot-four former London Knight is a prototypical power forward who has two 40-goal seasons and four others with more than 30.

Nash has also shown he can handle the pressure of the big stage, having been a key contributor to Canada's gold at the 2010 Vancouver Olympics as well as the 2007 IIHF World Championship in Moscow.

News of Nash's potential

availability brought some life to what had been a surprisingly dormant period of inactivity around the NHL. Even with the Feb. 27 trade deadline fast approaching, there have been no significant moves since Calgary and Montreal swapped Rene Bourque and Mike Cammalleri more than a month ago.

"It's been so quiet," one NHL general manager told The Canadian Press. "Everyone would like to do something, but there's so few people that really believe that they're out of it. It's an interesting time."

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Janssen excited to continue in Toronto

• The future of the Blue Jays is bright,' says reliever

The Toronto Blue Jays' streak of avoiding arbitration is up to 15 years and reliever Casey Janssen is happy about it.

The veteran right-hander signed a \$5.9-million US, two-year contract Monday, a day before the two sides were to attend a hearing in St. Petersburg, Fla.

"The commitment that (general manager Alex Anthopoulos) showed with the (team's) future and then ob-

"Hanging out in Toronto for a few more years is going to be great."

viously his commitment to me meant a lot," Janssen said Tuesday on a conference call.

Janssen was one of the team's most reliable arms out of a the bullpen last year. He was 6-0 with two

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saves and a 2.26 earned-run average in 55 appearances.

Anthopoulos has overhauled the bullpen for 2012. Gone are Jon Rauch and Frank Francisco, who split the closer's role.

Francisco Cordero will likely fill the setup role for closer Sergio Santos, who was acquired last December from the White Sox. Veterans Darren Oliver and Jason Frasor were also added this off-season. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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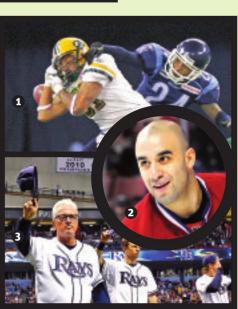


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Sports in pictures



Receiver Jason Barnes signed a contract for one year, plus an option, with the Toronto Argonauts on Tuesday after being released last month by the Edmonton Eskimos. THE CANADIAN PRESS

An argument between Canadiens forward Scott Gomez and assistant coach Randy Ladouceur at a Montreal practice on Tuesday was so long and intense that some media observers thought it might turn into a fistfight. THE CANADIAN PRESS

A person familiar with the deal says manager Joe Maddon has agreed to a three-year contract extension with the Tampa Bay Rays. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Engine

In keeping with the Spark's modest transportation role, the standard powerplant is a 1.2-litre four-cylinder that generates an equally modest 85 horse-power and 82 pound-feet of torque.

That's obviously not a lot, but wrapped in a small 1,045-kilogram vehicle built for urban commuting with short-lived jaunts at highway speeds, it'll do just fine.

Four doors, not two

The Spark's secret, it seems, involves getting the most room out of the least amount of space. Its upright body offers generous door openings for easy access and plenty of headroom for four adult passengers.

Chevrolet has crafted a neatly designed exterior, highlighted by bulging fenders containing wheels that have been pushed out to each side for the sake of stability and passenger room. And as with the larger Sonic hatchback, the rear door handles have been integrated as part of the window frame, giving the car a two-door appearance, which is all the rage these days.

Stowage

The car is nearly 15 centimetres taller than a Mini Cooper. In other aspects the Spark is slightly shorter overall and there's less distance between the front and rear wheels than the Mini.

You also won't find much stowage area in back, but enlarging the space for life's bulky stuff is just a splitfolding-rear-bench away.





The concrete jungle is becoming increasingly tougher to navigate. The streets are clogged, parking fees are ridiculous and fuel is far from cheap.

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for people and cargo. For both urbanites and suburbanites, the Chevrolet Spark is on its way.

Chevrolet has been the recipient of numerous accolades lately for its compact and sub-compact brands.

The one-year-old Cruze

has been a huge hit and it appears that the newly released Sonic sedan and hatchback will follow the same course for 2012.

And with a growing list of recently released competitors, it seems as though North Americans are beginning to embrace fuel efficiency and a smaller footprint as a way of life.

The Spark hatchback's

The Spark hatchback's mid-2012 arrival serves to add fuel to the sub-compact fire. Versions of this Koreabuilt four-door hatchback have been buzzing around

the streets of Europe, Asia, South America, Australia and Mexico for a few years. Now it's our turn. In the near future, the Spark could very well be the envy of competitors such as the Smart Fortwo, Scion iQ, Fiat 500 and Mini Cooper.



By comparison

Scion iQ

Base price: \$18,150 Minimalist practical model is ideal for getting around in crowded cities.

Fiat 500

Base price: \$17,400 Thrifty econo-car offers all-adult seating and a sporty style all its own.

Mini Cooper

Base price: \$23,550 Sporty looks and slot-car handling, but is a bit too expensive for its size.



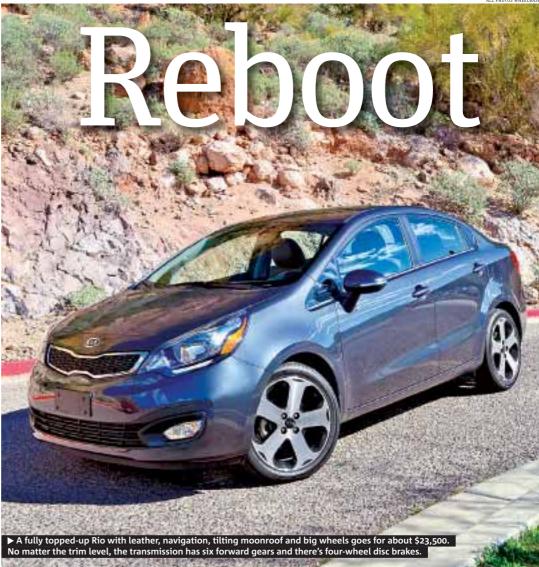
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The Kia Rio is no longer one of the cheapest cars on the road, but in this day and age that's not where the money is



understand the philosophy of a clean-sheet design, you need a cleansheet brain.

You need to think with logic and an open mind and not have any preconceived notions ... of anything. A reboot, if you will.

It begins with the notion that, for a given amount of money, you would rather have a loaded up small car than a bigger car that's missing a bunch of stuff. Kind of like having a glass of fine pinot noir over a pitcher of flat beer

OK, that's according to Kia, but it also means you'll likely spend less money on gas because a smaller package also

means a smaller, more efficient engine.

But who the heck has a car like that? Five years ago, the answer would have been almost no one. Leather and navigation in a small car? A thoughtful, well detailed and tasteful interior in a small car? Hey, aren't small cars cheap and empty tin cans painted with a roller?

Today, it's even more unheard of that Kia has a loaded up small car, and a handsome four-door sedan at that. We're just as surprised as you are.

Reboot.

It's a whole new game now. Make that a hockey game as the Kia Rio sedan circling the ice at a Phoenix Covotes-Detroit Redwings NHL game in Phoenix is as rare as, well ... ice hockey in Phoenix. Grey and glimmering un-



der the laser-beam-harsh arena lights during the second-period intermission, for whatever media stunt, it's perfectly proportioned, flab-free and dare we say, plenty fancy. And apparently good on ice.

Compared to the current hatchback model, the sedan is a touch longer (it has to be so the sloped sedan roof doesn't bonk rear passengers on top of the head) and it sports a sleeker, more elegant and formal nose with chrome dressing. The rest of the car is similar to the hatchback, including that tidy and well-detailed interior.

Oh, and smooth, comfy and pretty quiet, too. Speedy? Not really with 138 horsepower, but with the optional six-speed automatic transmission (a six-speed manual is standard) it cruises on the freeway with ridiculous ease while pulling down decent economy. Kia reports 4.9 l/100 km while "Idle Stop Go," which automatically shuts down the engine when the Rio is stopped in traffic, helps bring city economy to a claimed 6.6 1/100 km with the manual

transmission and 6.8 with the automatic.

How did all this happen.

Well, it seems to come down to some key people with serious pull. Kia media-relations staff are quick to coo Peter Schreyer's name around the dinner table with the same ecstacy that comes from savouring the first sip of a frosty beverage on a hot Phoenix afternoon. Honestly, before the Kia Optiin particular, Mr. Schreyer was not exactly a household name in North America. Straight from Audi's design studios in 2006, he's now Kia's style master and a fine one he is. His Optima sedan is gorgeous. His Sportage tall wagon is Chuck Norris assertive. even without the Texas Ranger stetson. And the Rio makes the Zamboni at the hockey game look like the box the Zamboni came in; and even smoother than the backhand shootout goal to end the game 3-2 for Detroit.

Most significant is that for about \$23,500, including destination fees, you'll get a Rio that's loaded up with navigation, backup leather seats camera, (heated in front), power tilting sunroof and 17-inch alloy wheels. Even metal sport pedals and a cooling glove box.

It's really a bargain, but if you don't want all that, the base car starts at \$15,600 and still includes four-wheel disc brakes. power heated mirrors and a USB jack for your portable jukebox (Apple iPod).

It could really just be a new Rio for a new time, but it's also a new Kia, too.

Reboot.

POWE SELLS

BUT THE TRICK IS SELLING THE RIGHT KIND

uilding and selling cars in today's economic climate is one thing. Forcing new technology into the marketplace is quite another considering the risk-reward scenario. Billions of dollars spent on untested, unproven and ever-changing markets.

Despite the focus on electric cars and other forms of alternative fuel and all the money spent developing it, the simple fact is that if buyers have cheaper and more convenient options — especially when cash and credit are already tight — they will take that alternative just about every time.

The budding electric-vehicle market sounds tempting and even exciting, but the vehicles are pricey, don't go very far on a charge, it can take several hours for a top-up and there's the bigger question about where to top up when you are away from home. For the short term, electric cars will be small and limited to short highway jaunts and in-city driving.

More relevant to the masses for the 2012 model year are the obvious fuel-economy strides made on the cars we are more likely to buy: Internal combustion and gas-electric hybrids that blend gasoline engines with helper electric motors to seriously cut consumption.

When it comes to internal combustion, automakers have handled the fuel-economy challenge in four key ways: Cutting the flab; going with smaller engines (and bolting on power adders where necessary, such as superchargers and turbochargers); adding transmission gears to increase an engine's mechanical advantage and reduce the revs on the highway; and new engine technology such as direct fuel injection and start-stop, which shuts off the car when it's not moving.

Each provides incremental

gains in fuel economy, but when all are implemented, the gains are worth more than the sum of their parts.

And this has become normal in the car business, to the point that the money spent developing fuel-saving tech is not generally affecting the price of new vehicles, aside from the modest year-over-year increases.

We say generally because the price of entry-level cars is on the rise, ironically due to buyer economics as they downshift into smaller, cheaper and more fuel-efficient cars.

But they are also dramatically better cars than they were a few years ago, some with spectacular design touches and sexy sells.

The challenge is in the luxury leagues, where cutting cylinders and power in the interest of fuel economy makes the big price tags tough for buyers to swallow, since the industry has

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So, is high-powered fun a thing
of the past? Oddly, there's quite a

bit more fun in a couple of

categories as horsepower levels – which are often tied to efficiency

improvements — dramatically

climb. The 2012 Camaro ZL1, for example is pegged at 580 horsepower, granted those "fun" examples seem

fewer and farther between, even as the average V6 now makes 300

horsepower.

In that context, fun is all around us.

So, for 2012, it's a mixed bag of fancy new wagons, the culling of poor-selling and inefficient models, the arrival of sleek small cars from most of the major automakers, and raucous power in small doses.

And this makes 2012 one of the most interesting new-car seasons of the last decade.

> Jeff Melnychuk wheelbasemedia.com



DODGE CARAVAN REMAINS GRAND

ith recently updated offerings from Honda, Toyota and Nissan that bend preconceptions of what a minivan should look like, the Grand Caravan still looks the way a minivan should. The box-like structure affords plenty of space for whatever you need to carry, be it people and/or cargo.

For 2012, the Grand Caravan now drives a little differently with a revised suspension topped with low-rolling-resistance tires to help prop up fuel economy. Along those lines, the impressive 3.6-litre "Pentastar" V6 that produces 283 horsepower and is connected to a six-speed automatic transmission does-

STILL CANADA'S BESTSELLING MINIVAN

- The Dodge Grand Caravan has been Canada's bestselling minivan for 27 consecutive years.
- The Grand Caravan includes pioneered innovations like the industry-exclusive Stow 'n Go™. There are 81 possible seating configurations.

n't really sacrifice fuel economy.

Inside the cabin, you will find the usual dozen or so cupholders plus a variety of small-item bins and pockets (including dual glove boxes) that showcase the vehicle's utility. The second-

- The 3.6L Pentastar V6 offers an exceptional blend of high torque, impressive fuel efficiency, low emissions and quiet operation.
- Grand Caravan can carry up to 7 people, an amazing amount of cargo, or any combination between.

and third-row seats can be folded to create a flat floor.

The Stow 'n Go™ feature, now larger and more comfortable with a one-touch-down feature, provides out-of-sight storage bins when the second-row

seats are left in their upright positions.

The interior was fitted with a redesigned gauge cluster, and centre console plus upgraded soft-touch materials for the dashboard that would look at home in a luxury automobile.

For 2012, a new price-leading SE Canada Value Package (CVP) joins the current four trim levels consisting of SXT Stow 'n Go™, Crew, Crew Plus and the sporty R/T. The CVP brings the Grand Caravan to less than \$20,000 (before destination charges are figured in) and includes all the basic features and safety systems you would expect. At that price, no other automaker even comes close. — wheelbasemedia.com



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CUTE AND CLASSY TEST DRIVE THE FIAT 500'S DRIVING DELIGHTS

he sub-compact class is heating up with excellent new entrants from Chevrolet, Ford, Hyundai, Kia, Nissan and Toyota. And, although aging quickly, the Honda Fit is still clever and fun enough in this group.

Bringing the darling of Europe, the popular 500 (a throwback to the original Fiat model from the 1950s), is a calculated risk. There's not a lot of connection to the car on this side of the pond, even if it did help resurrect the Italian automaker following the end of the Second World War.

So, how does this work? North American drivers can sample the tiny hatchback's delights through a separate dealer network set up in conjunction with Chrysler, not unlike Mini stores nested within BMW dealerships. Most importantly, the new dealer network is now a gateway for Fiat and its other models into the North American market.

The 500C (cabrio) convertible is now available, too, although it's more like a giant fabric sunroof than a true drop-top. The bonus, though, is that the cabrio doesn't lose any trunk space, like a conventional convertible, nor does its roof stack high around the rear seats creating blind spots, like its Mini competitor.



The 500 is offered in base Pop and optional Lounge and Sport trim levels, each featuring specific equipment levels, while the 500C isn't available in Sport. A 1.4-litre, four-cylinder engine supplies 101 horsepower to the 500. What makes this powerplant (called Multi-Air) special is that, according to Fiat, its advanced valvetrain technology adds power while at the same time reducing fuel consumption and exhaust emissions by 10 per cent, compared with similar-sized engines.

That technology will certainly make the upcoming Abarth model more

potent, too, with its expected 175 horsepower thanks to an added turbocharger, body kit, larger wheels, and performance-tuned suspension. Even on Abarth models, a five-speed manual transmission is standard, while a six-speed automatic is an extra-cost option.

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QUANTUM LEAP

JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE IS BIGGER AND WIDER THAN PREVIOUS MODELS

he current Grand Cherokee is a quantum leap for Chrysler's tireless off-road brand. It's bigger and wider than the previous model and most significantly, the distance between the front and rear wheels grows by about 13 centimetres, creating muchneeded rear-seat knee and leg space.

Along with a stiffer platform, many of the various suspension components are shared with the Mercedes-Benz ML-class sport ute (Chrysler was not long ago part of Mercedes-Benz juggernaut). Although there is a base 290-horsepower, 3.6-litre V6 and a 5.7-litre "Hemi"

V8 with 360 horsepower and 390 pound-feet of torque, the 2012 model year brings 470 with the revival of the Grand Cherokee SRT8.

If you have the courage to plant your right foot to bring the 6.4-litre V8 to full boil, you will be helped out by 20-inch wheels with stickier road-biased tires, upgraded brakes, active suspension and active limited-slip differentials. The ultimate Grand Cherokee promises to be just as fun through corners as it is at the drag strip.

Jeep says the 2,050-pound beast will hit 60 mph (96 km/h) in less than five

seconds. That's no doubt much quicker than the Wrangler, even though it finally trades its 202-horsepower, 3.8-litre V6 for a new-generation 285-horsepower, 3.6-litre V6. Fuel economy improves to 12.6/9.5 (city/highway) 1/100 km, up from 14.1/10.8 for the two-door.

These changes complement the attention the Wrangler's interior received for the 2011 model year with heated front seats, climate control, heated power outside mirrors, added noise-reducing insulation and a steering wheel that contains audio, cruise control and handsfree-phone switchgear.

That might seem like a softening of the rough-and-tumble Wrangler, but it's all about keeping the majority of customers happy, which is certainly the story for the revamped Compass.

Derided for its frilly styling, it was still popular with new Jeep customers because it was a good value and good on gas. For 2012, the company is taking the criticisms to heart and has given the entry-level vehicle styling that should be intimately familiar.

Unlike every other model in Jeep's 65-plus-year history, the Compass still comes with standard front-wheel-drive, not rear- or four-wheel-drive.

Finally, Jeep has rated the fourwheel-drive versions for off-road excursions, making the Freedom Drive II Off-Road Package from the mechanically identical Patriot available in the Compass.

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HOT NEWS FROM JEEP FOR 2012

- At long last, the Wrangler gets what it needs; the 3.6-litre Pentastar with nearly 300 horsepower ... now how about a Hemi?
- Oh, you will get a really big one ir the Grand Cherokee as the SRT8
- makes a comeback
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How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and

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JIM



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Today's horoscope

TAries March 21-April 20

You need to accept that other people won't always see things the same way as you

▼ Taurus April 21-May 21

Your sixth sense tells you that someone is lying. Keep that knowledge to yourself until a time when you can use it to maximum effect.

II **Gemini** May 22-June 21

You will achieve more today if you use persuasion rather than coercion. You don't have to hammer other people into submission.

Gancer June 22-July 22 Your imagination could carry you away today and cause you to do something you'll later regret.

Be on your guard over the next 24 hours, especially when dealing with work-related issues

M Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22

You need to be practical when dealing with money matters and business affairs. If you let wishful thinking affect you, it'll cost.

← Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Today's link between your ruler

Venus and Pluto, planet of passion, will get your heart beating faster. M Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22

There are so many good things going on that you probably think you can get away with anything. Don't push your luck at work.

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yourself moving up in the world.

Body Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 It's a good day to persuade someone to back a project that could be

are supported with solid facts. Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Something will happen today that takes you by surprise — and it will

be an especially nice surprise.

H Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 You may have doubts about a deal of some kind but those doubts will disappear by the early next week SALLY BROMPTON





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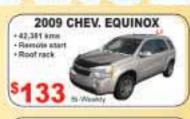




























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